

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 12, “General Accreditation Standards,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This chapter sets accreditation standards for all Iowa school districts and accredited nonpublic schools. The amendment conforms to 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2284, section 1, by adding that school districts and accredited nonpublic schools have authority to award high school credit to a student who demonstrates mastery of course content regardless of time spent by the student in the course (the traditional concept of “seat time”).

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the August 22, 2012, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0297C**. Public comments were allowed until 4:30 p.m. on September 11, 2012. A public hearing was held on that date; no person attended. No written or oral comments were received. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2284, sections 1 and 4.

This amendment shall become effective January 16, 2013.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 12.5(15) as follows:

12.5(15) Credit. A student shall receive a credit or a partial credit upon successful completion of a course which meets one of the criteria in subrule 12.5(14). The board may award high school credit on a performance basis through the administration of an examination, provided the examination covers the content ordinarily included in the regular course to a student who demonstrates required competencies for a course or content area in accordance with assessment methods approved by the local board.

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